

that they don't need that they can cover this. But, Senator Horgan, in the...in the dialogue in the hearing of the bill and whatever was there any indication, because I'm not familiar with the form that you're talking about or anything, is there any indication of the dollar value of the time that it's going to take the hospitals across the State of Nebraska to comply with this bill?.

SENATOR HORGAN: Senator Coordsen, the hospitals, through federal regulation, all have to follow a uniform form. So the form is already printed. On the form there is a box for E code. The E code is a series of numbers. You know, if you have a head injury caused by a car accident, that's one code. If you have a head injury due to falling in a bathtub, that's another code. So there is a series of codes. Most of the people who fill out these forms, the medical records professionals, are trained in E coding as part of their training. There will be...the Department of Health believes there may be some federal funds to assist hospitals in getting some training that the Department of Health could go out and do, particularly in the rural areas, to update personnel about E codes and the process of doing it. It's a relatively short procedure as you go through and fill out a patient's admitting form and it simply would require as the medical records person goes through that form in addition to probably typing in somewhere what the injury was to also fill in a...I think it's a two-box area, what the number is for the external injury that occurred. So there will be probably some minimal training required of hospital personnel. The Hospital Association believes, in conversations that they had, they came in and supported the bill and said that they believe that, as the bill is written, it does not require a lot of abstracting, a lot of information, you know, on aging and information that would require a lot of extra time. So as long as it was a relatively simple procedure and the department is going to be flexible in the way they receive the data, there should not be a major concern or problem for the hospitals.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Horgan.

SENATOR CROSBY: Any further discussion on LB 387? Seeing none, Senator Horgan, would you like to close? Senator Horgan waives closing. We will proceed with the vote on LB 387. Those in favor vote aye, opposed no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on the advancement of the